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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 25, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	19	- 20	= 0	\$18.00 x	\$00.00
Independents:	4	- 4	= 0	\$86.00 x	\$00.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$290.00	\$00.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					\$00.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
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	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$110.00	\$0.00
	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$110.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$110.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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